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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. F-278

First Inventor or Application Identifier John K. Eckl

Title BILLING SYSTEM WITH ELECTRONIC AND PRINTED
DISTRIBUTED

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. * Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Specification [Total Pages]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets]
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages]
 - a. Newly executed (original or copy)
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed)
[Note Box 5 below]
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting
inventor(s) named in the prior application,
see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a
copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is
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application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Copy
 - b. Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9. 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) Statement
(when there is an assignee) Power of Attorney
10. English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations
12. Preliminary Amendment
13. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
 - * Small Entity Statement filed in prior application,
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
14. (PTO/SB/09-12) Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
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of prior application No: 08/772,293

Prior application information: Examiner James Myhre

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor: John K. Eckl

For: BILLING SYSTEM WITH ELECTRONIC AND PRINTED DISTRIBUTION

Enclosed are:

Eleven (11) pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.

One (1) sheets of drawing.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

An Information Disclosure Statement.

A Recordation of Assignment Request and an Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700.

Fees calculated as follows:

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| Basic Fee | | | | | | \$ 710.00 |
| Claims Fee | Number Filed | | Number Extra | | Rate | |
| Total Claims | 11 | - 20 = | 0 | X | \$18.00 | = \$ 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | - 3 = | 0 | X | \$80.00 | = \$ 0.00 |
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is 1) an amendment and 2) a declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 in connection with the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | - | Highest Number Previously Paid For | = | Number of Extra Claims Present | X | Rate | = | Additional Fee |
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| Independent Claims | 5 | - | 3 | = | 2 | X | \$80.00 | = | 160.00 |
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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10, I hereby certify that the attached Transmittal letter for Continuing application, Application, Drawings, Declaration, Preliminary Amendment, Amendment Transmittal Letter, Declaration of L. Sklar and exhibits, Information Disclosure Statement with attachments was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for delivery by Express Mail on July 12, 2001. The number of the Express Mail mailing label is EK794132917US.

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